

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method of providing data storage for a user device ~~that is connectable to a remote server via a network~~, the method comprising the steps acts of:

[[-]] initiating a socket connection ~~to the~~ between a user device and a remote server,

[[-]] providing an application interface ~~requests for storing auxiliary data from applications in the user device~~ which enables access to a virtual local storage by an application running on the user device by processing a request from the application to store auxiliary data associated with the application in the virtual local storage, and, when a storage request is received, having the auxiliary data stored on the remote server via the network.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein having the auxiliary data stored includes storing a user identification, and/or an application identification.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein providing the application interface includes receiving ~~request for reading data~~ an application request to read auxiliary data from the virtual local storage, and, when requested, having the auxiliary data retrieved from the remote server via the network.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method of storing auxiliary data from at least one user on a remote server that is connectable to a user device via a network for providing storage for the user device, the method comprising the ~~steps~~ acts of:

~~[[-]] supporting initiating~~ a socket connection initiated by a storage application in the user device in response to a request for access to a virtual local storage by an application running on the user device to store auxiliary data associated with the application

in the virtual local storage,

[[-]] receiving, via the network, requests for storing auxiliary data from ~~applications~~ the application running in the user device, and, when a storage request is received, storing the auxiliary data on the remote server.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein storing the auxiliary data includes storing a user identification, and/or an application identification.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Computer program product for providing data storage for a user device that is connectable to a remote server via a network, which program is operative to cause a processor~~ A computer readable medium comprising computer program instructions that are executable by a processor to perform the method as claimed in claim 1.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~User device for use in the method of providing data storage as claimed in claim 1, the user device being~~

~~connectable to a remote server via a network, which device~~
~~comprises~~ A user device, comprising:

[[~~-~~]] transceiver means ~~(15)~~ for connecting the user device to
~~the a~~ network,

[[~~-~~]] control means ~~(20)~~ for performing applications that may
generate auxiliary data relating to the applications, and

processing means for executing a storage application ~~(32)~~ for
[[~~-~~]] initiating a socket connection to ~~the a~~ remote server
via the network, and

[[~~-~~]] providing an application interface ~~(35)~~ for requests for
storing auxiliary data from applications in the user device which
enables access to a virtual local storage by an application running
on the user device by processing a request from the application to
store auxiliary data associated with the application in the virtual
local storage, and, when a storage request is received, having the
auxiliary data stored on the remote server via the network.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~User~~ The user device as claimed in
claim 7, wherein the device

[[-]] comprises read means (24) ~~for retrieving data from a storage medium (22), and~~

[[-]] the control means (20) ~~are arranged for retrieving applications to be performed from the storage medium.~~

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Storage medium for carrying data to be retrieved in a user device that is connectable to a remote server via a network, wherein the storage medium comprises a computer program product constituting an application for providing data storage for the user device, which program is operative to cause a processor to perform the method as claimed in claim 1~~ A computer readable medium comprising computer program instructions that are executable by a processor to perform the method as claimed in claim 4.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Storage~~ The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 9, wherein the storage medium comprises further comprising computer program instructions that are executable by the

processor to generate and transmit at least one stream of real-time
information.